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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed merger of T-Mobile and AT&T. The Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association endorses this transaction because it will improve wireless communications in rural parts of the nation, which will benefit our members by increasing efficiency for workers and improving safety.

Much of the work the PIOGA is involved with occurs in rural sections of our state. Often, workers in our industry do not have access to high-speed wireless broadband at their work site, and that can slow productivity and profitability. If AT&T is allowed to merge with T-Mobile, the new company will have a stronger network, supported by a greater density of cell towers and increased spectrum. The result will be a vast improvement in voice and data communications services, as well as a safer work environment. Workers in remote sections will still be able to use mobile devices to report accidents or respond to danger.

This merger is a logical development because AT&T has the capacity and capital necessary to successfully absorb T-Mobile and provide these kinds of improvements for rural areas. AT&T's advanced 4G LTE network is fully compatible with T-Mobile's wireless network. Combining the two is the most efficient and cost-effective way to extend high speed wireless broadband to even the most rural areas of Pennsylvania and the country.

This merger makes sense for business, personal communications, and public safety. We appreciate the chance to provide these comments and hope they will help you reach a decision to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,



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